useless lands adjoining an area have to be acquired, thus necessitating the burden of a larger upset price in addition to the assessment on such useless lands.

2. Moreover the reduction will facilitate the registry of such lands separately in the village accounts in the names of persons to whom the lands might be transferred by sale, gift, etc. The difficulty of holding the khatedar responsible for Government dues by others, will also disappear. Hence the minimum area for coffee cultivation may be reduced from fifteen to five acres as in the case of cardamoms.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be reduced except in rare cases where an extent of fifteen acres fit for coffee is not available in one place. In such cases the available extent will be given.

SUBJECT NO. 127.

Opening of model farms.

Mr. Kigga Chennakesava Rao of Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As it rains heavily in the Malnad, the raiyats will have to cultivate only paddy and areca. It is therefore requested that model farms may be opened at an early date, in suitable localities and all the different crops grown there with a view to instruct the raiyats in the matter. The preparation and use of the different kinds of manure may also be taught to the raiyats as also the use of improved kinds of ploughs, which is all important to Agriculture.

Reply of Government.—This is a good suggestion to be adopted when funds are forthcoming.

SUBJECT NO. 128.

Providing engines, etc., at the cost of Government for the benefit of raiyats.

Mr. A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In order to give facilities to the Agriculturist in the Malnad, engines, etc., required for irrigation purposes may be supplied at Government cost and agriculture encouraged.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga has been asked if an oil engine cannot be used in his district.

SUBJECT NO. 129.

Introduction of ploughs and other machinery of improved patterns.

Messrs. Patnagere Ranganna of Kadur Taluk and Balavanta Rao.

Summary of discussion.—In the monthly journal called "Prabuddha Bharata" an article is published to say that there is invented in Calcutta a ploughing machine which can be handled by two men and which in less time turns out three times the work of an ordinary plough, without the help of bullocks. A machine may be indented for. If found useful, such improved implements may be caused to be widely known and a few supplied to all the taluk headquarters.

Reply of Government.—People should take the initiative in such matters. The Government, as stated last year, are quite prepared to help them. The suggestion about the

particular plough mentioned will be referred to the Agricultural Chemist.

SUBJECT No. 130.

Appointment of Agricultural Inspectors to teach the improved system of agriculture to raiyats.

Messrs. Amble Annaiya Pandit, District Board, Mysore District; Lakshmi Narasimhachar and Shama Iyengar, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Agricultural Inspectors may be appointed for every Revenue division of three taluks. These should accompany the Assistant Commissioners in charge of such divisions when they go out on circuit, and give instructions to the raiyats of comparatively big villages on (1) the employment of improved ploughs, (2) the preservation of manure (3) the kind of manure to be used for a particular soil (4) the selection of seeds. Experiments may also be shown whenever the raiyats so desire.

Reply of Government.—The Government are proceeding in the same direction. But the difficulty is to find qualified men.

SUBJECT No. 131.

Establishment of a workshop for manufacturing and repairing English agricultural implements.

Mr. Naranappa, Tumkur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that a workshop may be opened for manufacturing and repairing foreign agricultural machines and implements, as the cost of importing them is prohibitive.

Reply of Government.—Noted. It is doubtful if the foreign implements can be produced in anything but a very well equipped manufactory cheaper than they can be imported, and there is not sufficient demand for English implements as yet to establish a well equipped agricultura implement factory.

SUBJECT No. 132.

Amildars to be empowered to grant lands free for improved agriculture.

Mr. Naranappa of Tumkur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that Amildars and Deputy Amildars may be empowered to grant lands free to raiyats intending to cultivate them on improved methods of agriculture.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter for consideration when applications for such lands multiply.

SUBJECT No. 133.

Publication of agricultural treatises.

Mr. Amble Annaiya Pandit, District Board, Mysore District.

Summary of discussion.—A committee of agriculturists knowing English, Tamil and Telugu should be formed. Treatises on agriculture in use in Bellary, Penukonda and Saidapet should be obtained, portions suiting this country should be selected, translated into Kanarese and published in book form to be used as text-books in the hobli schools.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 130.

SUBJECT No. 134.

Distribution of the Agricultural Chemist's Annual Report.

Mr. Balavant Rao, Arsikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Copies of the Annual Reports on the working of the Department of the Agricultural Chemist, may be ordered to be distributed to the principal raiyats through the Taluk Amildars for information and guidance.

Reply of Government.—The Report will be published in the Gazette.